

## ASSOCIATED PRESS SUES HEARST NEWS

Melville E. Stone, in Affidavits, Charges Pilfering of War Despatches.

### INJUNCTION NOW SOUGHT

U. S. Judge A. N. Hand Calls S. S. Carvalho to Explain Alleged Piracy.

Since its expulsion from England, Canada and France the International News Service, according to affidavits filed in the United States District Court yesterday, has been pilfering the war news sent out by its rival, the Associated Press. After reading the affidavits made by Melville E. Stone, secretary and general manager of the Associated Press, and others connected with the association, Judge Augustus N. Hand signed an order calling on Solomon S. Carvalho, president of the International News Service, to show cause January 10 why he should not be enjoined from selling the Associated Press's foreign news to the papers served by the Hearst agency.

In his affidavit Mr. Stone declares that the pilfering of the Associated Press's news has been accomplished through the "bribery of employees and through other wrongful and illegal methods."

The Associated Press, he says, has been put to very great expense in gathering war news, the despatches from the front sometimes costing it as much as \$1 a word for transmission by cable or wireless.

**News Resold at a Profit.**  
The Hearst news service through its wrongful methods of getting the news, Mr. Stone says, has been able to sell the stories for less than it costs the Associated Press to gather them and in this way has cut into the latter's service in this city, Detroit, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Cleveland and elsewhere.

In the office of a Cleveland newspaper, one of the members of the Associated Press, Mr. Stone charges that he believes he has located the leak through which the war news has been filtering to the rival association. He quotes a letter supposed to have been written by one Hearst employee to another indicating that some one in the Cleveland newspaper office had been informing the Hearst service of all big stories received from the Associated Press.

The letter, which, according to Mr. Stone, was written on November 21, 1915, by Barry Farris, manager of the New York headquarters of the International News Service, to F. H. Wood, the Hearst news service manager in Cleveland, reads:

"Agnew had an arrangement somewhere in the Cleveland office whereby he could tip us off on big news stories that the American Press was carrying."

"Ansonia" Code Word for A. P.  
"I wish you would find out from him just what this connection was and if you can make use of it. It proves very valuable to receive a tip on what the A. P. is carrying as soon as it puts it out on the wire. Don't mention the A. P. in any messages of that kind, but simply say 'Ansonia carrying fifty dead.' Pennsylvania wreck near Pittsburgh, or whatever it may be."

On October 10 the British Government ordered the British censorship to refuse the International News Service the use of both cable and mail facilities for the despatch of news to America. The British Government contended the Hearst service was garbling the news, but the Hearst service claimed it was sending out too much of the truth to please the British Government.

**Canada and France Barred It.**  
The Canadian Government took similar action, making it an offense punishable by five years in jail or \$5,000 fine if any person were caught with an issue of any of the Hearst papers in his possession. France on November 8 followed the example of its ally, Great Britain, and expelled the Hearst service.

On November 23 Mr. Stone says the Associated Press cabled from London the report of another Zeppelin raid on the towns on the northeast coast of England and a newspaper in Washington, D. C., which was not a member of the Associated Press carried the story.

Again on December 5, the manager of the Associated Press says, his association sent out the story of the torpedoing of the Chemung containing certain remarks made by Capt. Duffy of the torpedoed ship regarding the outrage.

**Hearst Papers Printed Story.**  
In spite of the fact that the Hearst service had no facilities for getting this story abroad it was published, together with the identical remarks made by Capt. Duffy, in the Evening Journal, the Washington Herald and the Rochester Herald, all of which are served by the Hearst agency but are not members of the Associated Press.

Through the law firm of Stetson, Jennings & Russell Mr. Stone asked the Federal District Court permanently to enjoin the International News Service from sending out the Associated Press news as its own product, as the Hearst agency's activity in this direction was causing the Associated Press irreparable damage.

The order to show cause was served on Mr. Carvalho of the Hearst news agency yesterday at his home.

### WHITRIDGE WEALTH TO WIDOW

Will of Street Railway President to Be Filed This Week.

Frederick W. Whitridge, lawyer and late president of the Third Avenue Railway Company, left all his estate to his widow, Mrs. Lucy Arnold Whitridge, daughter of Matthew Arnold, poet and dramatist. This announcement was made yesterday at the office of Whitridge, Butler & Rice, 59 Wall street, attorneys for the estate.

The instrument has not been filed, but it is expected that it will be submitted to the Surrogate's Court this week. It is said to be very short. No estimate has been given of the value of the estate, but it is understood to be worth several millions. The decedent, who died of pneumonia on December 30, left two daughters, Miss Joan Whitridge and Mrs. Eleanor L. Greenough, wife of Charles E. Greenough. His only son, Capt. Arnold Whitridge, is with the British army in France.

### For a United Presbytery.

The New York Presbytery adopted unanimously yesterday a resolution asking the Presbyterian General Assembly, which will meet in Dallas, Tex., next May, to invite the Presbyterian Church of the South to combine its forces with the Northern Presbyterians. A church with a membership exceeding 2,000,000 would be the result. The Presbyterians, like other denominations, were split by the civil war, and while many moves have been made looking toward a combination none has met with much success.

## TRAVIS RAPS MAYOR OF MOUNT VERNON

State Comptroller Regrets Moderate Language in the Dispute With Fiske.

### ISSUES NEW WARNING

He Asserts Tax Rate Will Become Unbearable Unless Reforms Are Effectuated.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 8.—A new and more bitter chapter in the controversy between Mayor Edwin W. Fiske of Mount Vernon and Eugene M. Travis, State Comptroller, was written yesterday when the guardian of the State's funds, deploring the moderation of the language with which he suggested financial reforms for Mount Vernon, indulged in a blunter form of criticism.

In a report made by the Comptroller's examiners on the tax condition in Mount Vernon the present quarrel had its origin. When the report was published with accompanying corrective ideas Mayor Fiske with considerable acrimony defended his administration. The latest fuel to keep the fight at white heat is contributed in the Comptroller's reply. "I realize that the facts reported," writes Travis, "did not reflect credit upon those responsible for them, but believed that many of the unbusinesslike, irregular and illegal acts were intentional—the result of ignorance, established custom and obsolete charter provisions. The eagerness which you display in attempting to explain, to justify, to extenuate and to defend an administration notable only for its lack of business methods, its extravagance of expenditure and its disregard for legal procedure, impels me to admit that I reasoned from false premises."

### Subtracts Nothing.

"I have again reviewed the report," my letters to you and your several communications, but fail to see where I should subtract anything from the facts set forth in the report or detract from the observations incorporated in my letters. If I erred it was in the use of moderate language where blunter statements and stronger, more energetic words should have been employed."

The Comptroller then reviewed the findings of his examiners and continued: "This report confirms the conclusions reached in the report of this department that the lower tax rate does not show the true cost of government and tends only to deceive taxpayers. The failure to pay off the large bonded debt or to provide adequately for its amortization explains how money was provided to carry on the city government on an extravagant basis without disclosing it in the tax rate."

"That system cannot, of course, continue. It is inevitable that there be a day of reckoning. A time must come when Mount Vernon commences to pay a proper proportion of its bonded debt. When that time does come the rate of taxation will be practically unbearable unless you shall have adopted my suggestion and immediately provide for making adequate sinking fund provisions."

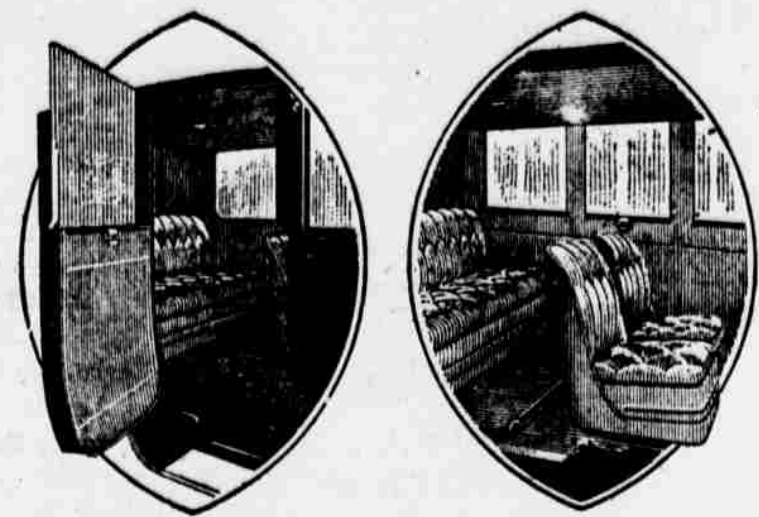
The Comptroller sounded another warn-

ing to counteract the confidence Mount Vernon has expressed in its Mayor. Mr. Travis declared: "You may, as I said, understand fully the condition of public sentiment and the mental processes of the taxpayers of your city, but it is my impression that until this report of my examiners was published the taxpayers had never had an opportunity to learn how grossly their confidence was being abused by their officials. I believe they are entitled to know."

The letter concludes with this: "I hope by this time you have recovered from the injury to your personal pride, that you are able to take a saner view of the entire situation and that you may devote your time and attention to the correction of the many errors, irregularities and illegalities pointed out in the report."

**Fate Curb on Federal Judges.**  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Senator Owen introduced today a resolution declaring that any Federal Judge who hereafter holds an act of Congress unconstitutional is guilty of "judicial usurpation," of violating the constitutional requirement of good behavior and "shall be held to have vacated his office." The President would be authorized to appoint a successor.

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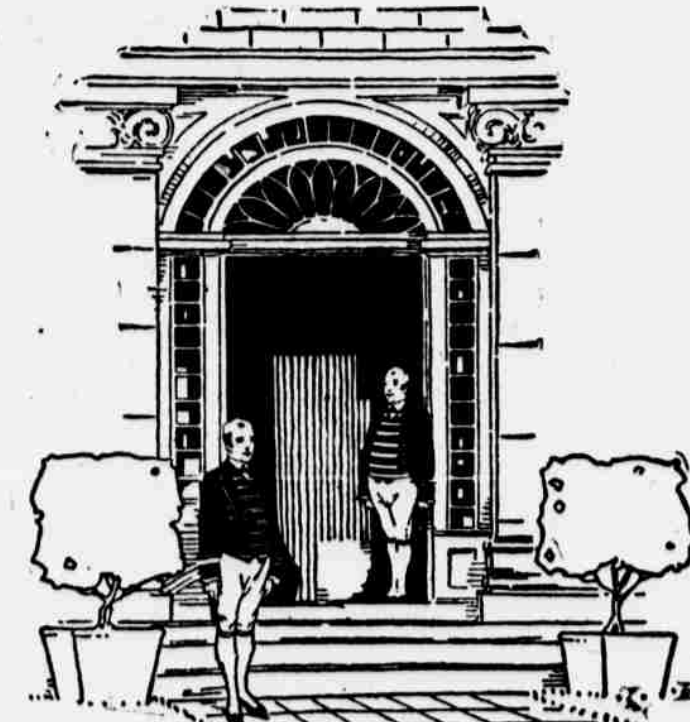
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